

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 9 as follows:

The ~~val~~ valve section 20 is composed of a valve sleeve 21 and the aforementioned spool 24 slidably received in a valve hole 22 which is formed coaxially in the valve sleeve 21. The valve sleeve 21 is secured to the stator body 11 in axial alignment therewith by caulking the opening end portion of the cover 16 with its flange portion at the rear end portion being in abutting contact with the flange portion at the forward end portion of the stator body 11. The spool 24 is resiliently urged toward the electromagnetic drive section 10 by means of a spring (not shown), which is interposed between itself and a plug member (not shown) screwed into a forward end portion (not shown) of the valve sleeve 21. A rod portion 24a which is formed to protrude from the rear end of the spool 24 extends passing through the center hole 11c of the stator body 11 and abuts on the forward end surface 17a of the plunger 17. Thus, in the inoperative state, the plunger 17 is kept at the aforementioned retracted position where the rear end surface 17b thereof abuts on the inner bottom surface of the cover 16. An intermediate fluid chamber (C) formed at the mid position between the stator body 11 and the valve sleeve 21 communicates, on one hand, with the electromagnetic section fluid chamber (B) through an annular clearance which is formed between the center hole 11c of the stator body 11 and the rod portion 24a of the spool 24 and, on the other hand, with the external of the solenoid-operated valve through a labyrinth supply/drain passage 23 composed of an annular groove 23a and cutouts 23b, 23c.